 **MONTANA**  
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Affordability Taskforce – Data Points  
*Highlights*

## Affordability Sub-committee

**CHARGE:**

- Utilize data to recommend strategies for improving affordability in the MUS
- Recommend approaches for improving communication and outreach about affordability of higher education in Montana
- Recommend policies to facilitate a more coordinated system of financial aid

**TASKS:** (examples)

- Increase system-wide use and understanding of financial aid information
- Provide analysis and information on increasing student loan amounts, as well as possible reductions to Pell grants
- Analyze the cost attendance and improve communication strategies
- Recommend process and/or policy changes for setting tuition in the MUS
- Address system-wide approaches to financial aid compliance and practices
- Improve the affordability portion of the MUS Strategic Plan
- Help shape the role of the Student Financial Services in OCHE's ARSA division

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**WORK PLAN**

- 1) Data and Analysis....(i.e. utilize info to isolate key issues associated with affordability), Aug – Dec 2011
- 2) Policy Review & Strategies, Jan – Mar 2012
- 3) Policy Recommendations, Apr – June 2012

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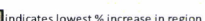
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## Tuition &amp; Fees – Regional Comparison

Academic Year Rates for First-time, Full-time Resident Students

Level/State	Tuition and Fees				% Change		
	2010-11	2009-10	2005-06	2000-01	1-year 2010-11 to 2009-10	5-year 2005-06 to 2010-11	10-year 2000-01 to 2010-11
<b>Doctoral</b>							
Montana	\$5,822	\$5,659	\$4,966	\$3,073	3%	17%	89%
WICHE Avg	\$6,632	\$6,109	\$4,528	\$3,004	9%	46%	121%
<b>4-year (BA/MA)</b>							
Montana	\$4,836	\$4,805	\$4,375	\$2,838	1%	11%	70%
WICHE Avg	\$5,286	\$4,932	\$3,648	\$2,588	7%	45%	104%
<b>2-year</b>							
Montana	\$3,267	\$3,233	\$2,846	\$2,088	1%	15%	56%
WICHE Avg	\$2,840	\$2,652	\$2,104	\$1,436	7%	35%	98%

source: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

 indicates lowest % increase in region  
 2nd lowest % increase, behind WY

Link to campus level data: [2-yr](#) | [4-yr](#) | [DOC](#)

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## Tuition &amp; Fees – Regional Comparison

Ratio of Tuition &amp; Fees to Median Household Income

Level/State	2010-11	2009-10	2005-06	2000-01
<b>Doctoral</b>				
Montana	14.4%	14.0%	13.3%	9.4%
WICHE Avg	13.0%	11.9%	9.7%	7.2%
<b>MA/BA</b>				
Montana	12.0%	11.9%	11.7%	8.7%
WICHE Avg	10.3%	9.6%	7.9%	6.3%
<b>2-year</b>				
Montana	8.1%	8.0%	7.6%	6.4%
WICHE Avg	5.6%	5.2%	4.6%	3.4%

source: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education



